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The American Missionary Association commenced its Twenty-fifth Annual Meeting Oct. 24, 1871, at 3 o'clock p. m. in the Pearl St. Church, Hartford, Conn.

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In the absence of the President and Vice-Presidents, Rev. M. E. Strieby, Sec'y, called the meeting to order, when Rev. H. Bushnell, D.D. was chosen temporary Chairman and Rev. Geo. A. Oviatt, Secretary.

Prayer was offered by Dr. Bushnell and Sec. Strieby read the thirty-fifth chapter of Isaiah.

Revs. Messrs. Willard, Pike, Keith, Belden and Elliott were appointed to nominate Committees.

Sec. Geo. Whipple read the Treasurer's Report.

Receipts,..... $366,824.82.
Expenditures, 350,694.86.

These sums include $35,000 received for a permanent fund, but do not include $71,407.08 given specifically to institutions under the care of the Association.

The Report said:

In submitting the financial statement for the year, the Executive Committee take occasion to refer to the balance against the Association, and to some facts that should be considered in connection with it.

The reduction of this amount during the year has been $16,129.96 leaving the present balance $61,861.84. This is not a debt in the sense that the current expenses of the Association for the past six years have exceeded its income by that amount, but only in the sense that this sum has been advanced in securing, while the help of the Government was available, the more than half million dollars worth of lands, buildings, and appliances, which now give the Association its preeminent advantages for the great Christian educational work in behalf of the African race, for which, in the providence of God, it was called into existence.

The Committee have not been able to realize the hope indulged last year, of the speedy extinction of this balance by the sale of lands in the North, and the application of some large legacies then due, the receipt of which was confidently expected. There has been delay in the settlement of the estates, and the committee have been advised by those best acquainted with these lands, that they were appreciating in value so as to much more than balance the interest on what they would now realize.

The Executive Committee deem it proper to state that in addition to the cash receipts reported by the Treasurer, money and productive property valued at from forty to forty-five thousand dollars have been secured to institutions under the care of the Association, of this $5000 from the State of Louisiana was for the current expenses of the Hathaway Home, in New Orleans. The remainder is deeded to Trustees, the income to be used for specific purposes. Succession in these Boards of trust, is by nomination from our Executive Committee, and the ultimate possession and direction of the whole falls to the Association when no longer needed for these specific purposes. This is exclusive of the sum of $15,788.97 raised by the Trustees of Hampton, and $15,718.17 raised by the Trustees of Berea College Ky. If these several sums were added to the receipts, the total would be $438,331.90.

Considering the fact that the help heretofore extended by the Government to the educational work of the South has been withdrawn, thus throwing an additional responsibility upon the Association, the committee feel called upon to express to the churches and friends their gratitude for their liberality in providing the means by which they have been able to carry forward their work with so great a measure of success, and yet reduce the balance against the Association during the year by so large a sum.

Secretaries Strieby and Whipple read the Report of the Executive Committee.

A brief time was spent in devotional exercises.

The Nominating Committee reported as follows:

Committee of Arrangements—Rev. W. L. Gage, Rev. A. C. Adams, and Mr. Wm. Heard.

Committee on Nominations—Rev. W. B. Brown, Rev. L. T. Spaulding, Rev. G. D. Pike, Rev. E. A. Kittredge, and Dea. J. E. Cone.

Committee on Educational Institutions at the South—Hon. Henry Wilson, Rev. S. R. Dennen, Rev. E. N. Cravath, Rev. E. P. Stanton, and Rev. Joseph Ayer.

Committee on Church Work—Rev. E. S. Atwood, Rev. Prof. Reeve, Rev. J. W. Healy D.D., Rev. J. T. Ford, and Rev. O. D. Hine.

Committee on Finance and Treasurer's Report—Rev. H. M. Storrs, D. D., Hon. Henry P. Haven, Rev. Geo. J. Tillotson, Rev. Jeremiah Taylor, D. D.

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Committee on Indian Policy—Gen. J. R. Hawley, Hon. C. Delano, Rev. G. Whipple, Rev. S. S. Jocelyn, Rev. H. G. Marshall.

The report was accepted and adopted.

Voted that the various parts of the Report of the Executive Committee be referred to their appropriate Committees.

Sec'y Whipple read a letter from Rev. E. N. Kirk, D.D., Pres. of the Association, which was ordered to be entered in the minutes.

Dr. Bushnell was unanimously chosen Permanent Chairman of the meeting.

Voted to take a recess till 7½ o'clock this evening.

The Association met in the evening at 7½ o'clock. The Committee of Arrangements reported in part. A prayer meeting was appointed for to-morrow (Wednesday) morning at 8 o'clock, in the Lecture room of the Church.

The devotional exercises of the evening were conducted by Rev. J. Edwards from Mass.

A discourse was preached by Rev. H. M. Scudder D.D., from John 8. 32, "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

An address was delivered by Hon. Henry Wilson: and it was voted to take a recess till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Oct. 25. The Prayer-meeting at 8 o'clock A. M. was conducted by Rev. Almon Underwood. At 9 o'clock the meeting came to order for business, and was opened by singing, and prayer by Rev. F. Bascom D.D. of Ill.

A Committee on the Roll of Members of the Association and Delegates

from the Churches present was appointed, consisting of Rev. O. H. White D.D., Rev. A. S. Cheesebro, Rev. E. H. Pratt, J. N. Stickney, Esq., and Rev. Walter Barton.

Rev. R. S. Dennen from the Committee on Educational Institutions at the South, reported as follows:

It gives your Committee great pleasure to read more at leisure that part of the Annual Report submitted to them.

Education, in the highest and Christian sense, lies at the foundation of vigorous and successful Churches. If the Church, in the Puritan idea, overtopped the School-house, it still remains that the intelligence and manhood which reared it and supported it came from the school-house which reposed in its shadow.

The order then in which the Executive Committee discuss these topics is the natural and logical order. We were not a little pained, therefore, even at the suggestion of doing less for Common Schools at the South. Your Committee express the earnest hope that less will not be done until the General or State Governments are ready to assume them and carry them forward in the spirit of this Association, for they will relinquish the children in the most plastic and formative period of their educational career, and part with the best feeders of their higher Institutions of learning. It is in these schools of a lower grade that the desire and impulse are awakened to press forward to those of a higher order.

We agree with the Report in the estimate they put upon Permanent Institutions. The practical wisdom and utility of such an estimate cannot well be doubted. They are ears of seed corn with which all that Southern land is to be planted. To educate the children of the South by means of teachers sent from the North is plainly impossible. To rear a strong body of men and women from their own class, who shall go here and there until the whole land is occupied, is both possible and practicable. These Higher Institutions we most warmly endorse and commend.

We congratulate the Association on the uniform success of their schools. This success has been so marked as to compel the encomiums of those who once oppressed them. We cheer on the noble band of teachers in their hard and perilous work. We sympathise with the colored people of the South, and cheer them forward, to secure all that is possible from Mission Schools, to fit them for usefulness here and for glory and honor beyond. All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. R. Dennen, *Chairman.*

The Report was followed by addresses by Rev. S. R. Dennen and Gen. O. O. Howard.

Rev. E. S. Atwood reported from the Committee on Church Work, as follows:

The preaching of the gospel and the founding of churches are especially important at the south at the present time. The existing church organizations there are inadequate to meet the exigencies of the case; there is a lack of careful discrimination as to who are proper candidates for church membership and a want of strict discipline, while hurtful extravagances in the name of worship are suffered without rebuke; this is not due to deficiencies in the systems themselves but in their administration.

The prospect of so revolutionizing existing systems as to free them from these objectionable results is not a promising one. The attempt would be considered unwarrantable and impertinent. These defects are the growth of years; their extirpation will be a matter of time, and even at that, the circumstances are not favorable. The intense denominationalism of the southern churches makes the rallying cry of a sect avail when the gospel is unheeded. A foreign body then will find additional difficulties in its path.

The existing church organizations at the south are all more or less chargeable with complicity with slavery; the accursed institution has yet its defenders in them.

The freedmen and the poor whites are alike longing for something better. The lack of education is not the only barrier to successful religious effort; instinct and common sense more than make good the lack of culture, and therefore there is no need to withhold the Gospel in waiting for education.

The committee urge an immediate increase in the effort to gather the scattered sheep into safe folds. They do not say "teach less" but "preach more"; not fewer schools and higher institutions of learning, but more churches. The great want of the hour is the Saving Word, enforced by and embodied in simple, yet stable ecclesiastical organizations. They would suggest that there be a sufficient number of prudent men in the southern states, who should prospect with reference to the best points for establishing churches, securing the best sites for school houses and who should be putting their hands on the most promising young men with reference to the wor l of the ministry, giving them suitable instruction in theology and overseeing them generally in their work. Such a course would develop great interest in the work.

In closing, the committee refer with gratification to the increasing public sentiment among Northern churches, in favor of work in this direction. They are asking that their subscriptions should tend more directly to the advantage of the Pilgrims' polity —because they believe that in this way the highest spiritual welfare of the South will be secured. They therefore urge enlargement both of scope and action. As the almost sole representative in the South, of the Congregational churches, this Association is held to undertake all forms of Missionary work. The whites as well as the blacks are its wards, and this Association is expected to know neither race nor color. Religion and culture should go together, and to this end the Association labors.

Signed by the Committee.

On the Subject of this Report, addresses were made by Mr. Atwood, Rev. J. W. Healey, D. D., of Straight University, and Prof. J. B. Reeve, D. D., of Howard University.

On motion by Rev. W. Patton, D. D., these two reports were accepted.

Rev. H. M. Storrs, D. D., presented the Report of the Committee on the Treasurer's Report, as follows:

The committee have examined the treasurer's report and accompanying papers and find them properly authenticated by the vouchers of the auditors.

The committee are happy to add that they are convinced that the affairs of the Association have been conducted with wise economy and discretion. While they would be glad to see the balance against the Association entirely removed by large or specific contributions, they fully approve the action of the Executive Committee in making the advances that created it, and the prudent measures taken for its removal.

Gratified by the evidences of continued prosperity and the hearty coöperation of the friends of Christ, they recommend still more liberal contributions, and vigorous support. They recommend that the treasurer's report be approved and published with the proceedings of the meeting.

On this subject a very able and eloquent address was delivered by Dr. Storrs, after which the Report was accepted.

The Committee of Arrangements reported that Prof. Reeve and Rev. Dr. Bascom would officiate at the Lord's Supper this P. M.

A recess till 2½ o'clock was then voted. 2½ P. M. the Lord's Supper was celebrated, when the meeting took a recess of ten minutes, and came to order at ¼ to 4 o'clock.

The Report of the Committee on Church Work was referred to the same Committee for reconsideration.

Prof. R. B. Foster, of Missouri, presented a series of resolutions, relative to asking Congressional aid for Colleges, etc., in the former Slave States. They were referred to a Committee consisting of J. Hooker, Esq., J. N. Stickney, Esq., and Prof. Foster.

The Committee on Nominations reported a list of officers. The report was accepted and adopted as follows:

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Rev. A. E. P. Perkins D. D. presented the following report from the Committee on Chinese in America:

Your committee, to whom was referred that portion of the report of the Executive Committee which refers to the Chinese, beg leave to say,

That while they agree to all the action which the Executive Committee propose, they would not make that action dependent upon any conditions of continued or increased immigration. The work is already before the Association. The responsibility is now laid upon us; we propose this resolution:

Resolved, That the relations of the Chinese in this land to our country and to China, not less than their own wants, demand earnest and speedy efforts for their evangelization.

After addresses by Dr. Perkins, Rev. W. Gladden and Gen. C. H. Howard who has charge of the work among the Chinese in California, the report was accepted and the resolution adopted.

Rev. F. Bascom D.D. presented the report of the Committee on Foreign Missions, which was accepted.

The Committee to whom was referred the report on Foreign Missions, have given the subject such consideration as the time would allow, and recommend its approval. The inquiry has occured to the committee, as doubtless to many others, why not transfer the Foreign Missions of the Association to some other organization, that the Association may be at liberty to devote its exclusive energies to the great work providentially laid upon it in this country. They are satisfied however that peculiar circumstances connected with each of these missions render such a step, at least for the present, inexpedient. They therefore recommend the vigorous support of the Foreign Missions of the Association, urging special attention to the mission in Africa, not only for its own sake and the good it is at present accomplishing, but also as a field for future missionary labor for many of the young men and women now being educated at its schools in the South.

Voted to take a recess till 7½ o'clock this evening,

The evening meeting came to order, at 7½ o'clock. The choir led in singing, and Rev. S. S. Jocelyn offered prayer.

Addresses on the Memorial Year, were made by Sec. Strieby, Rev. W. B. Brown, Gen. O. O. Howard, and Governor Jewell.

On motion it was resolved that the thanks of the Association be presented to the Rev. H. M. Scudder, D. D., for his able and interesting discourse preached before the Association last evening.

Voted to take a recess till to-morow morning.

Oct. 26th. Prayer meeting at 8, in the Lecture Room, conducted by Charles N. Brown, Esq., of Sag Harbor.

Meeting came to order in the Church at 9. Prayer was offered by Rev. M. Tillotson.

The Committee on Church Work, to whom their Report was recommitted, Reported by Rev. E. S. Atwood which Report was accepted and adopted.

It was voted that the minutes, when completed, be referred to the members of the Executive Committee, here present, for examination and publication.

Gen. Hawley, for the Committee on Indian affairs, reported the following; which he supported by an address.

The Committee to whom was referred the report on the Indians, would express their gratification that the Executive Committee responded so readily to the invitation of the Government to coöperate with it in the effort to establish "A POLICY OF TRUTH, JUSTICE, HUMANITY AND PEACE" in behalf of the Indians, such as President Grant prefigured in his inaugural address. They recommend to the Association and the friends of humanity every where, its hearty support.

The following letter from Rev. H. B. Whipple, Episcopal Bishop of Minnesota, was read.

OCTOBER 21, 1871.

I believe your Annual Missionary Meeting will be held in Hartford, next week. You know how warm a place the poor and helpless Indians have in my heart, and how earnestly I have plead for them. It may fall in with your views to make an earnest appeal that the Association shall heartily sustain your agents, Rev. E. P. Smith and the Rev. Mr. Clark.

Their position is one of great responsibility and one of as great trials. In no portion of our Indian Territory has there been more wickedness of every kind. The man who stands out in the fear of God, to deal justly and defend the helpless, will be followed by the hatred and opposition of all bad men. I have watched, with a good deal of anxiety, your agents, and I believe you have reason for thankfulness that they have proved themselves so eminently fitted for their place.

It would be a great loss if they should leave. They cannot live at the salary of $1,500, nor can they obtain proper assistants as teachers, farmers, and laborers for the salaries offered by the Government.

I did not intend to write to you a long letter. I do believe that a great door is opened to give a poor suffering heathen race the blessings of a Christian civilization, and that there is work for all that love the Saviour.

With affectionate regard, Yours ever,

H. B. WHIPPLE.

P. S.—The Government makes very inadequate provisions for schools, farmers, physicians, &c., and the religious bodies who assume the care of Indians must give their agents all the support they require.

Secretary Delano then addressed the meeting on Indian affairs.

Rev. Dr. Vermilye offered prayer.

The Report by Gen. Hawley was then adopted.

Gen. C. H. Howard offered the following, which was adopted.

Whereas, The new policy of the Government, whereby the Indian Agents are removed from the arena of politics and nominated by the different Missionary bodies of the country, is based upon the principle of honest management, and forbids any incidental emolument, and *Whereas*, the present salary of $1500 is not adequate to command the requisite intelligence, education, and business capacity:

Resolved, That this Association hereby memorialize the Congress of the United States to increase the Salary of the Agents to such extent as Congress may deem necessary.

Gen. O. O. Howard offered the following resolution.

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of this Convention are due and are hereby tendered to the citizens of Hartford for their warm greetings, their patient attention upon its exercises, and for their abundant, cheerful, Christian hospitality, and that we invoke upon them God's special favor and benediction.

The Resolution of Gen. Howard was amended by adding an expression of thanks to the Pastor and Trustees of the Pearl Street Congregational Church, and then adopted.

On motion it was

Resolved, that the thanks of the Association be presented to Secretary Delano and Gen. Hawley for their addresses on this occasion.

Sec. Whipple said that the hour of adjournment was so near that it would be impossible to carry out the programme and hear from more than one of the Missionaries present, who had been requested to speak.

He called upon the Rev. Mr. Ford, of Charleston, S. C., who made a few remarks about the work in that city, and concluded by earnestly requesting the prayers of all for the Missionaries of the Association.

The Committee to whom was referred the resolutions offered by Mr. Foster, reported, recommending the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be instructed to memorialize Congress for an appropriation of two and a half millions of dollars, for the purposes of education in those portions of the late slave territory of the country where such aid is needed, and that the Committee be authorized to correspond with other educational bodies interested in the same object, who may be disposed to join in the memorial.

On motion, the Resolution was referred to the Executivee Committe for their consideration and action.

The following resolution was passed.

While we rejoice at the steady advance made in public sentiment in favor of the oppressed in different parts of our land; we still plainly see that much remains to be done—prejudice against the black man shows itself in every place, in public conveyances and public places of resort, in all the business and social relations of life — also as deeply rooted hatred is aimed at the Indian, so that he instinctively repels it, with interest, and the Chinese also incite feelings of hostility, so that our christianity is judged by large numbers of them as the sheerest hypocracy.

In view of these plain facts at the North, and of the active outrages that grow out of these unchristian sentiments at the South, the West and North-west, wherever these classes of people are to be found: *Therefore*, be it resolved that we call upon all Christian people in this land, to pray earnestly to God to help us conquer completely all this prejudice and suppress all this hostility, so contrary to the spirit of Christ, which still exists against the Negro, the Indian, and the Chinese.

On motion it was resolved that the Reports of the Treasurer and the Executive Committee be approved, and ordered to be printed with the proceedings of the meeting.

A motion was made and carried, that after prayer and benediction the Association stand adjourned, to meet next year, at such time and place as the Executive Committee shall designate.

Rev. Mr. Gage, Pastor of Pearl St. Church, spoke a few parting words, congratulatory and tender, and by the request of the Moderator, led in prayer and pronounced the benediction, when the meeting adjourned.

EXTRACTS FROM THE REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

THE PAST YEAR.

The past year has had no marked changes except such as progress makes. The schools have, without exception, been prosperous. In two of the institutions, regular freshmen classes have been formed, and in one—at Berea—the junior class has been reached. The examinations at the close of the school year have all been satisfactory: that at Atlanta, Ga., has attracted special attention, partly owing to the appointment, by the Governor of the State, of a Committee of Examiners whose character for intelligence, whose high position in the South, whose patient and thorough examination, and frank confession of the progress and capacity of the pupils, have done much to bring our work into favorable notice, and, what is of much more consequence, have offered a clue to the mode of reaching ultimate harmony in the South; for when the colored people give such proof of intellectual ability, and when intelligent and influential Southern white men will frankly and publicly admit the fact, then we can see the evidence that the two races can live in peace, and work together for Southern regeneration.

The increase in the number of churches under the care of the Association is nine, of which five have been newly organized during the year. Three new houses of worship are nearly completed—one in Charleston, S. C., one in Chattanooga, Tenn., and one in Marion, Ala.

STATISTICS.

Number of Missionaries and Teachers,.....321
Churches.....45
Number of Church Members,.....2757
Added during the year,.....464
Chartered Institutions of Learning,.....7
Graded and Normal schools,.....22
Common schools,.....70
Value of School property, estimated last year at about $550,000 is increased rather than diminished in value.
Number of pupils enrolled for the school year,.....17015.

THE FUTURE.

FREEDMEN.

The success of the past inspires hope for the future. The Freedmen are not "dying out," but, as shown by the census, have increased in population, in this terrible decade, nearly *half a million*. They are here, and growing in numbers—facts whose significance must be recognized in considering the future of the South.

They are accumulating property, as their numerous homes, increasing number of farms, and steady deposits in the Freedmen's Savings Bank abundantly testify. But above all, they are acquiring intellectual and moral elevation. They constitute a rich soil, and yield glorious harvest for the culture given.

In this field, the Association will continue to give the large share of its efforts; in the two leading departments of educational and religious work.

EDUCATION AMONG THE FREEDMEN.

We dare not plan to reduce our educational force. We shall indeed do less, directly for common schools, but we shall do more, indirectly, by preparing teachers for them. The States, or the National Government, will yet plant common schools in the South. We can help and hasten, by training in our Normal schools and Colleges, the army of teachers that will be needed. We will also help in a still broader way. No people can rise without leaders, and as these Freedmen toil up the steep ascent, they need the inspiring call and example of those of their own race who can guide them upward. Our institutions are preparing, on a large scale, those who shall act as such leaders, in the various walks of life—ministers, teachers, intelligent farmers, mechanics, business and professional men.

CHURCH WORK.

Our church work will receive increased attention, not by abandoning, but by pushing forward the work of Christian education. This Association is a child of Providence. Its success has come from following that Guiding Hand. In the work among the Freedmen it has taken the task that was most obviously to be done. When clothing and supplies were needed, it sent them. As soon as the primer could be used, it came. As the pupils have advanced, the grade of schools has kept pace.

In the religious work too, we have tried to do what was plainly the duty most pressing—instilling into the hearts of the people a purer and more practical piety. In some localities we could easily have brought many churches into our ranks: in other places, such an effort would have aroused intense sectarian bitterness; in neither case would any permanent good have been done. If in any part of our efforts in the South, we have aimed simply at the highest ultimate good of the people, and through them to the nation and the cause of Christ, it has been in our church work. The pure and intelligent church, though small at first, must be the model and the means of the spiritual regeneration of this people.

We are sustained in this belief, by the experience of others as well as our own. The American Board attempted to breathe the breath of life into the dead churches of semi-Christian lands, but at length gave it up, and organized churches of intelligent converts. Still more to the point is the example of some denominations of Christians working among the Freedmen, who began by absorbing and infusing, but have come at length to our method. That method is not school work instead of, or before, religious work, but Christian enlightenment before church organization. These people are already in churches, but many of them are ignorant and corrupt; they have zeal, but it is without knowledge; they have faith, but it is without works. They are like heaps of gold in quartz, and diamonds in the rough. Our method is not a scramble to get them from one heap and pile them upon another, but it is, here and there to refine as much of this gold, and polish as many of these diamonds as we can, and shape them into

jewels that shall serve as a model, an inspiration, and a holy ambition to their own race, a proof of their capacity to the other race, and as gems of adornment to the crown on the brow of the blessed Savior. There is no part of our plans that we refer to the decision of the future with more confidence, than our religious efforts.

We have before alluded to the fact that nearly all religious bodies at the North have chosen to work through their own denominational instrumentalities. The funds of this Association come now almost entirely from a few denominations—mainly indeed from the Congregational churches. We recognize the fact, and accept it; and without altering our unsectarian basis, or withdrawing our sympathies from any who love our Lord Jesus Christ, and strive to lift his poor, we yet cheerfully promise, as we did in our Annual Report in 1867, to use the funds entrusted to us, in building up the Redeemer's cause, in the South, agreeably to the principles and the polity of those who put into our hands the means of doing it.

INDIANS.

We rejoice in the prospect of renewed energy and firmness in the policy of the Government toward the Indians. We hail it as the promise of justice to them and the necessary preliminary to all successful efforts for their civilization and Christianization, and we pledge to the Government and to the Indians, our most zealous coöperation.

CHINESE IN AMERICA.

The Chinese in America will still claim our attention. If, as once was anticipated, they shall come in such numbers as to require special religious agencies, our beginnings may be expanded: if not, then what we have begun, can easily be turned over to the local churches with whom we are now coöperating, and from whom the funds for this work in a measure come.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Our Foreign Missions, except those in Africa and Jamaica, are not a heavy expense to our treasury. The mission in Africa is mainly supported by funds left to us for that special object, by the late Charles Avery, and this mission we must maintain, and shall do so with new zeal and efficiency, not merely because of the fund thus furnished, but because there seems to be a providential fitness between our work for the Freedmen and that in Africa.

We trust the day will come when the waves of the Atlantic that once heard the groans from the pent up captives in the hold of the slave ship, will yet re-echo with the hymn and the prayer that will roll from the lips of their descendants going back to found empire and Christian civilization in the land of their fathers. A double aim inspires our labors for the Freedmen—their redemption in America, and through them, the regeneration of benighted and plundered Africa.

In *all* our labors, we seek the poorest of the poor, the most wronged and oppressed, and our highest hope of reward is that the Master may say in that last great day, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

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OUR SUPPLEMENT.

With this number we publish a Supplement giving the addresses at our late Annual Meeting. It may be convenient to preserve it for future reference.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

Whether in the numbers present, their representative character, the addresses made, the business transacted, or the general tone and spirit manifested, our late Annual Meeting furnishes cause of thanksgiving and rejoicing. The history of the Association for the past 25 years, the contrast of the present meeting with one held in the same city 23 years ago, mark plainly the progress of public sentiment in behalf of great principles then unpopular, but now everywhere recognized as lying at the foundation of all effective Christian labor.

WESTERN FIRES.

We hail with great joy the splendid contributions of individuals and churches, in behalf of the sufferers by the Western fires, and we thank God for what we have thus seen. It reminds us of the inexpressible emotions we felt when the whole country responded as one man to the first appeal of our martyred President. We confidently believe, as a correspondent suggests in another column, that in the providence of God, this will yet stir up a deeper stratum of human benevolence and kindness than has been before reached, and that we shall soon see the flow of Missionary contributions greatly increased. We now allude to a present diminution of these, only to suggest to our friends that even a temporary suspense of contributions often causes great loss in a work of benevolence, and to beg of them speedily to show, even though at personal inconvenience, that what they have done for suffering humanity in the West has not been a diversion from their contributions in accustomed Missionary channels, but is to be immediately followed by larger contributions for the many millions of our common humanity who, in their destitution of Christian knowledge are suffering the loss of all things.

We give, in another place, extracts from the letters of Gen. C. H. Howard, Chicago. It can hardly be necessary to remind our readers, that the devastating fires in that city, and in the States of Michigan and Wisconsin, must greatly diminish our receipts from that part of the country.

THE TREASURY.

$30,000 Immediately needed.

The officers of this Association had hoped that no special appeal would be required this year, but as the almoners of the gifts of its friends, we are constrained to announce that its work is threatened with serious embarrassment. Usually, after the earnest efforts made in behalf of the American Board during the summer months, our Treasury has been remembered early in the Autumn, by large donations from the churches. We have hoped for like results this year, but the Chicago and other western fires have taxed the liberality of many of these churches, and turned away the missionary contributions of October and November. Our great work for the year commences in Oct. We have then to transport our missionaries to their fields, and make large expenditures to inaugurate the year's work successfully; these expenses were incurred before the great fire, with confidence that contributions would be sent us as usual, but up to the present time our receipts have fallen off nearly one half. It is for the friends of this Association to decide our course for

the future. Shall we recall those who have just been returned to their fields?

One of our former missionaries, now laboring under another Board in Constantinople, writes us, "From my present stand point I look over to your work as the grandest and best missionary work ever done in this world, since the Gospel was first preached to our race. Not that I undervalue any missionary enterprise, but the opportunities in your work are so wonderful." Will the friends of the South make it possible for us to continue to improve these opportunities or must our church and school property lie unoccupied when the field was never so white for the harvest? Shall the young men who are sufficiently advanced to enter our Theological Schools, and fit themselves for missionaries and ministers, be sustained, especially when, as now, the *most* urgent cry of the South is for an educated ministry? Shall the South be supplied with teachers moulded under the influence of consecrated missionaries, who would plant the faith of the Pilgrims over the Southland, and onward to Africa? Shall we save this country for itself, for the world, and for the Lord Jesus? These are some of the questions at issue, and a waiting, perishing world awaits the answer.

We need $30,000 at once, to meet the deficiency of receipts for the first quarter of the year. The present number of our magazine carries with it many encouraging words from the great and the good of the land, and perhaps none more pertinent than those of Hon. Henry Wilson when he says of our work "It should have our money, our labor, and our prayers on bended knees." Will not the friends of the Savior pray with us that such grace may be given to God's people, that even deep poverty may abound unto the riches of liberality, and that such offerings may be brought into the Lord's treasury, that He shall not only, ever more, rebuke the devourer for our sakes, but open the windows of heaven and pour out a blessing so bountiful that there shall not be room to receive it?

"NOT FEWER SCHOOLS BUT MORE CHURCHES."

This was the key note of much that was said at our Annual Meeting; and with this the Officers and Executive Committee of the Association fully agree. Dr. Storrs struck the corresponding chord, when he said, this involves larger expenditures and requires an increase in the contributions and liberality of the churches. Argument is not needed here. The situation of the field cries out "not fewer schools but more churches." The Christian sentiment of the North emphasizes the cry "do not diminish your educational institutions, but increase the number of pure and enlightened churches," and we respond, Brethren and Sisters in the church of Christ, we are your agents, give us the ability, and we will carry out your wishes. The situation seems favorable, and with God's blessing we pledge enlargement in this direction as fast and as far as the ability is furnished.

But this will require increased expenditure, and we shall confidently look for a cordial, liberal increase of contributions.

From the Independent.

A SILVER WEDDING.

It was twenty-five years ago the third day of September last, in the city of Albany, that Liberty and Religion, long twain, were made one. It was not exactly a runaway match, but it was a marriage without consent; for the State, the stern parent of Liberty, and the Church, the stepmother of Religion, both opposed the union. The nuptials were of the simplest and humblest sort. Not many wise, not many mighty were called to the wedding; but a few faithful souls took part in the ceremony and joined in the solemn vow.

It was an event of which the newspapers took but little notice; but a few of them found it out, and chronicled it as the formation of a new society, to be known as the American Missionary Association.

At that day the great majority of those who were the foremost champions of Liberty were known as the foes of Religion; while the great majority of the professors of religion had turned their backs upon liberty. There were still, however, a faithful few who belived that the two were made one in Heaven, and that what God had joined together man had no right to put asunder. They believed in no religion that did not proclaim liberty; they suspected the liberty which mocked at religion. And, therefore, they made a solemn confederacy of faith and freedom; earnestly avowing their allegiance to the Lord Christ, and sturdily protesting against the rule of King Cotton. In the sin of slavery they would have no complicity; neither would they keep a craven silence concerning its enormity. To *all* the poor they would preach the Gospel remembering them that were in bonds as bound with them, and praying always for their speedy deliverance.

It may be said that these men who founded the American Missionary Association were not always so gracious in speech or so prudent in action as was becoming. It may be charged that there was sometimes a savor of bitterness in their words, and a tinge of fanaticism in their public deliverances. That, indeed, is not wholly incredible. Men who are called to such a service as theirs are not always able to win by gentleness. Sharp work is needed; and it would be strange if the flame of a just indignation were not sometimes kindled into the heat of an unjust severity. Yet, whatever may have been its failings, in this direction, we believe that this society has for the most part been managed in the interests of charity as well as liberty. Bearing witness against the wrong, it has yet gained steadily in the regards of those against whom its testimony was pronounced; until now no words but those of praise are found for its faithfulness.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the formation of this society was held in the city of Hartford during the past week. In our Religious Intelligence a condensed report of this delightful meeting will be found. Great were the rejoicings of the veterans who were present, at the wondrous things which God had wrought since they began in feebleness this Christian enterprise. Great was the faith of the younger men into whose hands the work has fallen, that the next quarter of a century would witness a revolution in the social and religious condition of the colored race quite as thorough as that which has taken place in their civil condition.

The opportunity inviting this society at the South is boundless. The work of education in which it has been engaged is steadily enlarging upon its hands. What the Southern States are doing to provide educational facilities for the colored people is but little, compared with what waits to be done. The great need of the South is teachers for the public schools which the States may organize. And who shall teach the teachers? This is the work to which this society is now with vigor addressing itself. Thus it reaches and sanctifies the fountains of influence, and helps to mould the mass of semi-pagan ignorance into the forms of a Christian state.

The extension of its church work, upon which the Association has zealously entered, is also said to be full of promise. The negroes have abundant faith in this organization, and if it can succeed in leading them into a more sober and healthful and religious life, the result will be most beneficial.

The interest which our Christian

statesmen take in the work of this Association is worthy of remark. Senator Wilson, Secretary Delano, Governor Jewell, Ex-Governor Hawley, General Howard, and others who were present and addressed the meeting all bore witness, in the most positive and hearty words, to the value of the service it is rendering to the State as well as the Church. Other organizations are laboring with diligence and success in this field; but the American Missionary Association was the first to enter it, and it is only justice to say that its work has been more abundant and successful than that of any other society. General Howard may be a partial witness, but his testimony is that this Association has done more for the education of the freedmen than all other agencies combined.

It would appear that this Society ought to concentrate its efforts upon the Southern field. The work there awaiting it, is beyond comparison, more important and more urgent than any other that is now within its reach. Among the Indians there may be need of maintaining its agencies; upon the Chinamen it may keep a friendly eye; but its foreign work should, if there be no legal obstacle in the way, be transferred to the American Board, and all the energies of the Society should be directed to the education and Christianization of the colored race at the South. If the Society will give itself with all diligence to this work, and the people will put into its treasuries the means to make the work efficient, Liberty and Religion will gather a larger company and make a braver festival at their golden wedding.

A CONGREGATIONAL CONFERENCE IN THE SOUTH.

The following letter from Rev. H. S. Bennett, of Nashville, Tenn., will show that Congregational Conference "still lives" in the South, and that it proposes to be represented in the National Council at Oberlin:

I have just returned from the *Central South* Conference, held at Chattanooga October 25th and 26th. Moderator, Rev. C. W. Frances; Scribe, Rev. H. S. Bennett.

Sermons were preached, a constitution was adopted, reports were heard on the state of religion and on education. Rev. E. O. Tade was appointed delegate to the National Council; Rev. H. S. Bennett, alternate.

Churches represented—Nashville, the two at Chattanooga, Atlanta and Talladega. Reports were heard from Pomona, Athens and Montgomery.

We propose to try to print our minutes, together with the minutes of the body of ministers which met two years ago at Chattanooga.

THE CHICAGO FIRE,

And the American Missionary Association.

Our friends will be anxious to know how the Chicago office of this Association fared in the late conflagration. The following items from recent letters of Dist. Sec. Howard will present the matter graphically

ROOMS OF THE AM. MIS. ASSOCIATION,
204 West Madison street, Chicago, Ill.

If you have never passed through anything worse than a battle, very like Bull Run, Antietam, Fair Oaks, Fredericksburg, Gettysburg, Chattanooga or Atlanta, of which I know by experience, you know little of the sensations, confusion and destruction, in all except human life, resulting from the late conflagration. * * *

We lost everything, and the banks will only pay 15 per cent. at present. We had about $1,000 in them. Our furniture was worth $600, but could not be replaced new for that. We shall content ourselves with *one pine table* and three wooden chairs ("kitchen"). We pay $12 a month rent. My father-in-law happened to be here, and advanced me money for present absolute needs, both for family and office. For the latter, such as digging out and opening safe, hauling water, sta-

tionery, advance rent for a month, and aforesaid furniture, also a telegram to the Minnesota Conference, in which I asked them to support four of eight missionaries, whose support is lost by the fire. (We shall lose the usual pledges for missionary teachers in this city.) The N. E. Church, which supports one entirely, has been completely wiped out—no dwellings in that part of the city—no church and *no* people, and the latter would generally have no means, if found.

West side churches suffered just as badly in the property of their membership. I have now the two teachers for Columbus and Tougaloo, and one to spare.

Would I be justified in cancelling an agreement to pay one teacher at Jefferson City (Lincoln Institute)? Or shall I trust to Providence, and let the teacher go? * * *

The telegram I sent to Minnesota Conference secured for the support of one missionary $450 from the Plymouth Church, Minneapolis. * * *

The record of contributions sent to our office at Chicago for the first week of October was destroyed in the great fire, and is reported from memory. Donors who miss their contributions from the published list will please report to

C. H. HOWARD, Dist. Sec.,
204 West Madison street,
Chicago, Ills.

A TROUPE OF COLORED SINGERS.

Providentially there has been developed in connection with our educational work in Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn., a remarkable power of song. Year by year, there has been added to the students, one and another who possessed unusual musical ability, until a choir of eleven has been selected, whose rendering of the popular standard pieces of music has attracted so much attention that it has seemed to the teachers, and to the trustees and friends of the Institution, that they had a mission to accomplish in behalf of the struggling University in which they are being trained and in behalf of the education of their race.

Under the management of Prof. G. L. White who has been their instructor in the whole course of their training, and originated the idea of relieving the pressing necessities of the University, by using the talent of the students, this choir has commenced a series of concerts in the North.

The following extracts will tell of their reception and success in Cincinnati and Springfield, Ohio, the first places visited.

From the report of the meeting of the Cincinnati Synod published in the *Daily Republic* of Springfield O., Oct. 21st.

At this point, Prof. George L. White appeared with his troupe of colored singers, from Fisk University, at Nashville.

Mr. White was introduced to the Synod, by the Moderator, and stated the nature of the work among the freedmen.

The members of the troupe then sang from the platform, "We'll die in the field;" "My Lord says there's room enough;" and "Roll, Jordan, roll."

These songs were rendered with great sweetness and touching pathos, which brought tears to many eyes.

Professor White then announced, "Go down Moses" and "Turn back Pharoh's army," pieces sung by the negroes long before the war, which were sung with remarkable richness of tone and feeling. These pieces were greeted with great applause—stamping and clapping of hands.

Professor White then stated that a class of new songs had succeeded these songs of former times, and the troupe then sang—"Oh how I love Jesus."

"Sweet, sweet Home," was very sweetly sung as a closing piece. We never heard this song more appropriately or beautifully rendered. It was not only sung with feeling but the execution was faultless.

On motion of Rev. George S. Fullerton, a collection was taken up for the benefit of the troupe.

While the baskets were passing for the collection the little eight-year-old member of the troupe was called upon for a speech, and the little fellow gave a "Scene in a District School way down East," in a manner that would have done very well

for Alf. Burnett, or any other elocutionist. It was a pretty good and sensible thing for a Presbyterian Synod.

"Old Folks at Home" was then called for and the troupe responded.

At the close, Rev. F. W. Brauns remarked that his soul had been affected by the singing, and offered the following resolution which was carried:

Resolved, That the singing of the songs of Zion, by the students of Fisk University, has profoundly stirred our hearts and awakened anew our sympathy for the freed people of the South. We heartily commend Professor George L. White and his company to the favor of the Christian community, and feel assured that their appearance before the public, will tend greatly to increase the interest which is felt in the religious education of the millions of our fellowcountrymen who, by the wondrous providence of God, have so recently been released from the fetters of bondage.

The collection amounted to $105.68.

(*Cincinnati Gazette.*)

The Fisk University Concert.

Mozart Hall presented a novel musical spectacle last night in the appearance on the stage of ten colored students from Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn., who were there to make the initial effort in a series of concerts to be given throughout the North in aid of that University. In the audience were many of our leading white citizens accompanied by their families, with, of course, a large attendance of the better part of our colored population.

Doubtless not a few were there from curiosity, for it was probably the first concert, ever given by a colored troupe in this temple, which has resounded with notes of the best vocalists of the land. But, whatever may have collected together the fine audience that was present, certain it was there were few, if any, who were not highly pleased. The sweetness of the voices, the accuracy of the execution, the distinctness of the enunciation, and the precision of the time carried the mind back to the early concerts of the Hutchinsons, the Gibsons, and other famous families, who, years ago, delighted audiences, and taught them with sentiment, while they pleased them with melody.

There was no tameness about the performance; for, united with some things that were deeply tinged with pathos, was the rollicking song of the gipsies, the sprightly "Away to the Meadows," from the Haymakers, and the stirring "O hail us, ye free," from Ernani.

Miss Jackson sang, "Loving heart, trust On" with splendid effect, and, in response to an encore, sang. "Old folks at home." When the piano introduction announced this famous Southern melody baptized anew by Nilsson, there was a murmur of applause, which was suppressed at the time to break out with extraordinary force at the close of the performance. She was not supported by a grand orchestra, such as accompanied the queen of the lyric stage, but there were few there who were not as well satisfied to hear this simple melody from the lips of one of the race for which it was written, and who needed none of the arts of the stage to weave about it charms to captivate an audience, as they were to listen to it from the most distinguished vocalist of her time.

GEORGIA.

ATLANTA, Oct. 1, 1871.

You remember that last year an appeal was made to furnish dormitory rooms in Atlanta University, and that the donor of twenty-five dollars should have his name over a room door which should be a constant reminder to us of his love for the work in this part of the Master's vineyard. Friends responded nobly. We have an array of names on either side of some of our halls that thrill our hearts as we pass through them. Some are names of distinguished educational institutions, some of churches and Sunday schools, but many are of individuals.

Several are named for friends on the other side of the Beautiful River, and as the sacred names of those loved ones look down upon us, how the thought that their spirits may be hovering near, inspires us to greater faithfulness toward those committed to our care who occupy these rooms.

Then, too, when the cold look and sneering words of those about us cut most deeply, and in spite of ourselves, make fearful havoc of our self-respect, it is a great comfort to see their names and feel sure that those friends love us the more, for our despised work and instead of opposing it are praying that we may, day by day, have strength faithfully to perform it.

Owing to the increasing number of students, a wing is being added to the boy's building which will be ready for

furniture by Christmas. There will be about twenty new rooms to be furnished.

I am sure that if our Northern friends only realized what an educating power a neatly furnished room has over these young men and women, as they come here from their miserable hovels, and what a tower of strength their names are to us teachers, every hall in both buildings would be filled with precious memories of honored friends.

Instead of bringing costly Christmas gifts to friends who already have an abundance, suppose we bring a birth day offering to the Lord Jesus, by remembering His despised little ones way down in Georgia. It may cost a little sacrifice now, but I think the memory of it will be very precious in that great day, when He shall say "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the *least* of these my brethren ye have done it unto *me*."

MRS. T. N. CHASE.

MISCELLANEOUS.

ABOLITION OF SLAVERY IN SIAM.—The King of Siam, after his return to his States, abolished Slavery in the kingdom of Siam, from and after January 1, 1872. Slaves then in being will be manumitted, from the produce of a tax upon slave-proprietors from the present time.—*Straits Observer.*

BRAZIL.

EMANCIPATION AND EDUCATION.

Gen. Eaton, Commissioner of Education, has received an interesting letter from Mr. Partridge, our Minister to Brazil, acknowledging the receipt of copies of last year's report of the Bureau of Education, and soliciting other copies, with additional matter to be distributed among leading educators of the Empire. The latter are especially desirous, since the passage of the Emancipation act, to obtain all information that will be useful in the establsihment of schools for their freed people, and to this end inquire earnestly for the facts relative to our great educational work in the South. In Rio de Janeiro, the Society in aid of national labor has organized extensive night schools for adults, and agitation has begun for the establishment of a genuine system of free schools throughout the Empire.—*Tribune.*

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT.

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"JESUS LOVES ME."

A BAND OF HOPE STORY.

At Hull, England, there is, in connection with one place of worship, a Band of Hope, consisting of more than 170 members, nearly all of whom are from four to sixteen years of age. The meetings are held every month, and on one of these occasions six of the younger children were selected to sing that beautiful melody, "Jesus loves me." Before the day came, one of these little girls accidentally set fire to part of her dress, and was so severely burnt as to render her recovery almost hopeless. The doctor was sent for, and the poor child, whilst suffering great agony during the process of having her burns dressed, repeatedly cried "O, doctor, how it hurts! But I can sing, 'Jesus loves me.'"

A lady, who was very fond of the little Band of Hope girl, went to see her immediately after hearing of the accident, and found the sorrowful mother nursing the child, whose arms, face, and chest were severely burnt, her lips swollen, and her eyes entirely closed. The mother's tears fell fast as she spoke of the comfort her little daughter had been to her, though only seven years old, for she was gentle and obliging, and very kind to her younger sisters.

The lady went up to the poor little sufferer, and said, "Do you know me?"

She cheerfully replied, "O yes, I know; it is my Miss Monroe come to see me."

Miss Monroe then said how sorry she had been to hear of her sad accident, and that she thought she would not be able to attend the practice next week.

She immediately, with much earnestness in her voice, replied, "No, I shan't come any more, but I shall sing "Jesus loves me" in heaven. You won't hear me, but I shall hear you. Shall I sing it to you now?"

"No, not now," was the reply. "I will come and see you again to-morrow."

The next day it was evident that the powers of life were sinking fast. She had

not spoken for some hours. Her kind visitor asked if she knew her. She turned her head aside, and in a feeble yet musical voice replied, "Jesus loves me."

These were the last words she uttered on earth before her spirit winged its flight for heaven.

The Band of Hope girls, becomingly dressed in white, who were to have sung with her the melody at the public meeting, attended her funeral. Scarcely was the affectionate address to the sorrowing parents finished, while the crowd of Band of Hope Children were assembled at the grave-side to see the last of their beloved companion, when suddenly the air became musical with the sounds of that sweet hymn. Tears might be seen trickling down the cheeks of older persons, perhaps unused to weep, as the melody of those young voices was heard, and when the last verse died away upon the breeze—

> "Jesus loves me! He will stay
> Close beside me all the way;
> If I love Him, when I die,
> He will take me home on high,"

it was sweet to feel that the little one who had been taken from our band on earth was re-echoing the sentiment, 'Jesus loves me," in a heavenly home.

And now I would ask each child who may read this, two questions, can you say, "Jesus loves me?" and can you also say, "I love Jesus?" If you can, you will try to please Him by being gentle and obedient as this little girl was, and by avoiding everything which leads others into sin. It may be very difficult for you always to refuse, but remember that Jesus loves you, and that He will help you to do right, if you ask Him; and you will always have a good answer when tempted to do wrong, if you can truly say, "I cannot do it, for I love Jesus."

Child at Home.

CONTENTMENT.

A GOOD anecdote is told of a celebrated English divine, that, being visited one morning in his study, he was asked by a friend, "Doctor, why do you sit in such a little place as this? You have not room to swing a cat." "I do not want to swing a cat sir," was the reply. What volumes of wisdom are comprehended in this answer! The true secret of happiness, lies not so much in gratifying our desires, as in conforming them to our actual situation.

FUN FOR BOYS.

BY AUNT JULIA.

I TOLD you not long ago about finding a humming-bird's nest in a boy's chamber, but I did not tell you why he brought it there. If you had been there as I was you would have seen why. It was a part of a very fine cabinet of natural curiosities, stuffed birds and animals, shells, minerals, stones, insects, etc., etc., and all arranged in proper order, mostly in a case they had made themselves, and in drawers under the case. There were two brothers who had taken up this sort of thing for amusement when they were little fellows, and it had given them a vast deal of pleasure. Their parents and friends helped them and showed them some at first, and then they began to read and study about it for themselves, and so they had become very fine naturalists before they were twenty-one years of age; that is, they had learned a great deal, and learned it very thoroughly, too, about the sciences in which they had been gathering specimens. Some of their collections of specimens had been sold at handsome prices, and this had enabled them to purchase valuable books to study in.

It has also been a good discipline to them. It has given them keen habits of observation. They go around the world with their eyes open, and they see pleasant things too, and things that are worth seeing.

It has made them strong and healthy and active, quick to handle a gun, or row a boat, or climb a tree, or pick their way through a swamp, or foot it off on a long journey if that is necessary. It has also made them quick and neat and accurate and prompt, and they will make far better business men than they would have been but for this training.

All this has been done in their leisure hours—time that other boys spend in play,

or mischief, or reading bad books, or doing "nothing much." And it has made them "lots of fun." They have enjoyed it. They enjoy it still. They always will enjoy it. I know some dear little fellows who are reading this would like to do just so too. Let them set their sharp eyes to looking about them and they will soon find out how. There are plenty of ways to do it. Perhaps they will begin by watching flies walk, instead of killing them, or feeding toads instead of stoning them, or imitating birds instead of scaring them. There are plenty of ways to begin, and one of the best is to get up an aquarium in a glass jar.

There have been some beautiful Sunday-school books published lately that will help you very much in these studies, so that it will be even easier for you than for the young boys that I was telling you about. Suppose *you* try something of the kind, and if you do not get plenty of fun out of it I shall be greatly mistaken.

Sunday-School Advocate.

ONE WORM DID IT.

One day I was walking with some friends through Sudbrook Park, in Surrey, when Dr. Ellis drew our attention to a large sycamore tree, decayed to the core.

"That fine tree," said he, "was killed by a single worm."

In answer to our inquiries, we found that about two years previously the tree was as healthy as any in the park, when a wood-worm, about three inches long, was observed to be forcing its way under the bark of the trunk. It then caught the eye of a naturalist who was staying here, and he remarked, "Let the worm alone, and it will kill the tree." This seemed improbable, but it was agreed that the black-headed worm should not be disturbed.

After a time it was discovered that the worm had tunneled its way a considerable distance under the bark. The next summer the leaves of the tree dropped off very early, and in the succeeding year it was a dead, rotten thing, and the hole made by the worm might be seen in the very heart of the once noble trunk.

"Ah!" said one who was present, "let us learn a lesson from that single tree. How many who once promised fair for usefulness in the world and the Church have been ruined *by a single sin!*"

LETTER TO THE TREASURER.

A well tried friend, in sending a remittance to our treasurer, makes these timely reflections:

The sad cry that comes from Chicago, Michigan and Wisconsin, which appeals so imperatively to the sympathies and charities of the public, will, I fear, crowd on the receipts which you and other similar societies so pressingly need.

Yet I can but hope and believe that should it be so at present, it will be but a temporary drain, that will return an accelerated volume to the old channels, as men learn more and more the blessedness of doing good. May we not more than hope, may we not confidently believe, that the calamities which have fallen on our Western friends with such crushing weight are, in God's wise providence, permitted, among other reasons, in part at least, that the subsoil ploughshare of sorrow may stir up a deeper stratum of benevolence and human kindness than has heretofore been reached.

Yours for Christ and humanity.

RECEIPTS

FOR OCTOBER, 1871.

MAINE, $72.75.

Bloomfield. Miss Olive Emery and other friends, $5.75 and b. of C.	$ 5 75
Bristol. Wm. Hunter	5 00
Camden. N. M.	25
Farmington. Cong. Ch. *for a Teacher*	50 00
Portland. Mrs. W. Oxnard	5 00
Woolwich. Mrs. E. H. Trott and John Percy $2. ea., 2 Individuals $1. ea Others 75c	6 75

NEW HAMPSHIRE, $336.36.

Candia. John Fitts	5 00
Concord. First Cong. Ch. $51.13 to const. Francis A. Fiske L. M., South Cong. Ch. $49.13	100 26
Boscawen. A. W	1 00
East Pembroke. J. F. P.	25
Exeter. First Cong. Ch. to const. Rev. Swift Byington, Gideon Lyford and Thomas Folsom, L. M's	93 00
Francestown. Joseph Kingsbury	30 00

Goffstown. Cong. Ch..... 20 00
Goffstown Centre. Samuel Poor $5., 3 Individuals $1. ea., Others $1,..... 9 00
Hancock. Cong. Ch..... 30 00
Henniker. "Friends" *for Freight*..... 4 00
New Ipswich. Children's Fair..... 6 35
Pelham. Cong. Ch..... 37 00
Short Falls. J. W. C..... 50

VERMONT, $128.17.

Brattleborough. Mrs. Betsey A. Van Doorn 10 00
Enosburgh Falls. F. P. Leach..... 2 00
Franklin. Mrs. L. S. F..... 50
Pawlet. "A Friend" $5., A. F. 25c..... 5 25
Peacham. Mrs. Dana..... 2 00
Pittsford. Joseph Davison..... 10 00
Rutland. Cong. Ch..... 47 14
Saint Johnsbury. North Cong. Sab. Sch.. 41 53
Swanton. J. W. Dorman $2., H. M. Stone $1.50..... 3 50
West Randolph. Mary and Susan E. Albin $6., Mrs. S. W. 25c..... 6 25

MASSACHUSETTS, $2,487.49.

Amesbury and Salisbury. Union Evan. Ch. 7 80
Andover. J. E. S..... 1 00
Ashby. Cong. Ch..... 26 88
Ashburnham. Cong. Ch, $46.80, Ladies' Charitable Soc., *for Augusta, Ga.*, $3 and b. of C..... 49 80
Athol. M. K. Goddard $2. and b. of C.... 2 00
Ayer. Mrs. C. A. Spaulding, *for Straight U.*..... 100 00
Barre. Cong. Sab. Sch..... 75 00
Boxborough. Mrs. G. Stone..... 10 00
Boston. Dorchester District Village Ch. 42 45
Brighton. Evan. Ch..... 61 90
Brimfield. Cong. Ch..... 18 40
Brookfield. "A Friend"..... 15 00
Byfield. Mrs. J. B. Root..... 2 00
Cambridgeport. Stearns Chapel..... 53 50
Dedham. South Cong. Ch..... 62 00
Dunstable. "A Friend"..... 1 00
Enfield. Mrs. Sally B. Collins..... 5 00
Fitchburgh. Rollstone Ch..... 114 16
Hampshire Co. "O. Stewart"..... 20 00
Haverhill. J. B. Case..... 5 00
Harvard. Cong. Ch..... 83 34
Hatfield. Cong Ch..... 124 57
Hingham. 2 b. of C.....
Hyde Park. Sarah M. Grimke 2 b. of C....
Leominster. Benev. Assn. b. of C.....
Littleton. Cong. Ch..... 31 75
Medford. Mystic Cong. Ch..... 152 85
Newton. Estate of Mary Ward $100. by G. K. Ward, Ex., Mr. Whitmore 3 b. of C., Mrs. J. P. Rogers 2 b. of C..... 100 00
Needham. Josiah Davenport..... 5 00
Northampton. Miss Sarah M. Burt, b. of C. *for Augusta, Ga*, val. $35.....
North Brookfield. Union Cong. Ch..... 192 35
Norfolk. Cong. Sab. Sch. *for Atlanta U...* 5 30
Orange. "A Friend"..... 5 00
Pittsfield. Abiah Cary..... 10 00
Quincy. B. C. Hardwick..... 100 00
Shelburne Falls. Cong. Ch..... 23 00
South Hadley. Cong. Sab. School, *for a Teacher*..... 100 00
Springfield. Mrs. R. C. Hubbard and Mrs. A. A. Hooker..... 5 00
Stoneham. "A Friend"..... 10 00
Stow. J. A. W..... 50
Taunton. Mrs. R. H. Richmond..... 5 00
Templeton. A. M. *for Atlanta U.*..... 1 00
Townsend. "A Friend"..... 10 00
Walpole. Orthodox Ch..... 27 25
West Brookfield. Cong. Ch. to const. Rev. Richard B. Bull, Mrs. C. W. Gilbert, Mrs. John M. Fales, E. T. Stowell, Curtis Gilbert, Newton Makepiece and Frank Bailey, L. M's..... 179 80
Westfield. Second Cong. Ch..... 130 18
West Hampton. Cong. Ch. $31., Cong. Sab. Sch. $30..... 61 00
West Newton. Cong. Ch..... 116 60
Woburn. Cong. Ch. $141.50, "A Friend" $10..... 151 50
Worcester. Union Ch..... 101 61
West Roxbury. South Cong. Ch..... 85 00

RHODE ISLAND, $587.76.

Barrington. By Rev. Francis Horton..... 150 00
Newport. "A Friend"..... 10 00
Providence. Union Cong. Ch..... 377 76

CONNECTICUT, $1,797.19.

Bozrah Centre. Cong. Ch..... 11 00
Bristol. Cong. Ch. (ad'l)..... 5 00
East Avon. Cong. Ch. to const. Mrs. Cornelia M. Cline and Rev. H. G. Marshall L. M's..... 85 00
Deep River. Cong. Sab. Sch. *for Atlanta U.*..... 6 00
Farmington. Cong. Ch. ($300. of which from Henry D. Hawley to const. Rev. James F. Merriam L. M.) $479.80, Mrs. H. D. Hawley $6. and "A Friend" $2., *for Straight U.*..... 487 80
Franklin. Cong. Ch..... 35 10
Guilford. Mrs. L. M. Canfield..... 5 00
Hanover. Cong. Ch. to const. Merril Allen, Mrs. Mary C. Cutler and Leviah C. Lyon L. M's..... 90 00
Hartford. Park Ch $25., Mrs. Willis Thrall $10., Vincent Moses $5., Chas. W. Kilbon $2..... 42 60
Hockanum. Mrs. E. M. Roberts..... 5 00
Kensington. J. T. Hart, H. K Jones, Mrs. R. Hotchkiss and M. Hotchkiss $2. ea... 8 00
Middle Haddam. David Dickinson..... 25 00
Middletown. Rev. Geo. Edwards..... 5 00
New Haven. W. C. Conant $50., "A Friend" $20., Mrs. T. $5..... 75 00
New Haven Co. "An Old Friend" ($25. of which *for Mendi M.*)..... 100 00
New Milford. Isaac Hine..... 10 00
North Stonington. Cong. Ch. ($5 of which from Dea. Chas. Wheeler)..... 55 00
Plainville. E. Cowles $10., Mrs. Charles Lewis $5., Dea. W. C. $1. *for Straight U.* 16 00
Pomfret. First Cong. Ch..... 50 30
Portland. Miss Maria White..... 5 00
South Meriden. E. C. P..... 50
South Norwalk. Cong. Ch..... 88 07
Stratford. Harry Brownson $6.50, 4 Individuals $1. ea., Others $1.50..... 12 00
Suffield. First Cong. Ch. to const. James Goodacre L. M..... 48 37
Taftville. Samuel Prentice, to const. Rev. John T. Rea L. M..... 30 00
Terryville. Estate of Jason Skinner, by Elizur Fenn, Admr., $350., E. Fenn and Mrs. E. Fenn $5. ea..... 360 00
Washington. F. A. Frisbie..... 5 00
Wethersfield. Cong. Ch. (ad'l)..... 20 00
Westford. Cong Ch..... 4 00
West Meriden. E. K. Breckenridge..... 5 00
Willimantic. Cong. Ch..... 92 05
Willington. S. M. B..... 1 00
——. "A Friend"..... 10 00

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Clifton Springs. Sanitarium Sab. Sch. *for Atlanta U.*..... 25 00
Cold Spring. W. W..... 1 00
Deansville. Warren Gates..... 5 00
Dryden. Mrs. L. C. Phillips, to const. Mary Frances Phillips L. M..... 30 00
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Jamestown. Mrs. H..... 1 00
Marcellus. Mrs. L. H..... 1 00
Munnsville. "A Friend" bal. to const. Charles Hervey Gaston and William Smith Hall L. M's..... 35 00
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Pierpont. Mr. and Mrs. James Gleason... 5 50
Randolph. Rev. E. P. C..... 1 00
Ransomville. John Powley..... 5 00
Red Creek. A. K..... 1 00
Rochester. "C. A. E."..... 3 00
Rome. John W. Jervis..... 20 00
Seneca Castle. Joseph Morrow..... 5 00
Skaneateles. Richard Talcott, *for a Teacher* 100 00
Union Springs. J. J. Thomas $100., and M. H. Thomas $80. *for a Teacher*..... 180 00
Walton. First. Cong. Sab. Sch, *for a Teacher*..... 80 00
West Durham. Mrs. Hannah Ingraham... 3 60
Wyoming. William Durfee..... 100 00

NEW JERSEY, 317.68.

Boonton. Union Sunday School, to const. J. A. VAN ORDEN, MRS. J. A. VAN ORDEN and MARTIN S. SHAW L. M's..... 100 00
Bricksburgh. Rev. Geo. L Hovey, to const. MRS. O. C. HOVEY L. M..... 30 00
Hammonton. A. and S. M. Spooner..... 2 00
Irvington. Rev. A. Underwood, to const. PROF. A. U. THRESHER L. M..... 30 00
Newark. By Rev. W. B. Brown, *for Atlanta U.*..... 7 50
South Orange. First Presb. Ch..... 108 18
Trenton. Geo. S. Grosvenor $10., Mrs. E. C. Parmenter $5..... 15 00
——. By Rev. M. E Strieby..... 25 00

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Clinton. Mrs. M. H. 50
East Brook. J. W. P..... 1 00
Lock Haven. 6 Individuals $1. ea..... 6 00
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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Washington. Rev. J. B. McC..... 1 00

MARYLAND.

Baltimore. Martin Hawley..... 250 00

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Wilmington. Miss Carrie Damon, to const. REV. SAMUEL DAMON, D.D., ANGIE HOWARD and REV. J. SCOTT L. M's..... 105 00

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Talladega. Union Ch..... 4 00

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Austinburg. Cong. Ch..... 23 00
Avon. "A Few Friends"..... 10 00
Brownhelm. Cong. Ch..... 41 23
Cleveland. First Cong. Ch. $111.65., M. M. 50c..... 112 15
Mallet Creek. Mrs. Mary Branch $10., A. C. Bowen $5..... 15 00
Marysville. Cong. Ch..... 20 00
Martinsburgh. Cong. Ch..... 44 00
Newbern. ESTATE of John Wright, by S. Wright..... 250 00
Parkman. Cong. Ch..... 5 00
Painesville. First Cong. Ch. $78.04, "A Friend of Cong. Ch." $50..... 128 04
Randolph. Cong. Ch..... 10 00
Sandusky. First Cong. Ch..... 18 56
Sardinia. 6 Individuals $1. ea. by S. Moore 6 00
Saybrook. First Cong. Ch..... 15 28
Sheffield. Cong. Ch. for *Student, Atlanta U.* 40 00
Tallmadge. Cong. Sab. Sch. *for Sabbath Schools at the South*..... 30 35
Wakeman. Second Cong. Ch. $33, Second Cong. Ch. *for Fisk U.*, 52½ lbs. butter, 14 barrels apples 33 00
Wilmington. Mrs. N. S..... 1 00

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Orland. Cong. Ch. (Coll. $18.77, Individuals $6.23)..... 25 00
Union City. Mrs. Clara R. Commons..... 11 00

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Danby. J. N. Nind..... 10 00
Galesburg. First Ch. Sab. Sch..... 40 00
Homer. S. Moore..... 5 00
Jacksonville. G. W. B..... 50
Lombard. First Ch. of Christ..... 101 00
Princeton. Rev. and Mrs. R. B. Howard $15. Cong. Ch., $18..... 33 00
Richmond and adj. town, Wisconsin, $2.50 ea..... 5 00
Rockford. R. Emerson, *for Tougaloo Inst.* 500 00
Sandoval. J. H. Wilson..... 5 00
Union Grove. Miss C. Little..... 5 00

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Battle Creek. Matthew Atmore..... 5 00
Benton Harbor. Cong. Sab. Sch..... 10 91
Benzonia. Cong. Ch..... 45 00
Coldwater. Mrs. E. S..... 50
Detroit. Cong. Sab. Sch. $25. *for Atlanta U.*, Ladies' First Cong. Ch. $25. and b. of Bedding *for Tougaloo Inst.*, Mrs. O. J. C. $2. and b. of C..... 52 00
Dorr. Cong. Ch..... 4 50
Goodrich. Mrs. M. D. D..... 1 00
Grand Rapids. A. Wood $34.20, to const. MRS. ISAAC W. WOOD L. M., Dr. A. Garlock, M.L. Sweet, T. D. Gilbert, and F. B. Gilbert $10. ea,. E. G. D. Holden, R. E. Butterworth, J. M. Nelson, F. Tucker, O. S. Camp, D. H. Waters, B. Stocking, and N. L. Avery $5. ea., Others $72.20... 186 40
Hillsdale. Mrs. T. F. Douglass..... 5 00
Olivet. H. C Barnes, *for Straight U.*..... 10 00
Rockford. Rev. I. Barker $2., Others $1.. 3 00
Traverse City. Samuel Anderson..... 2 00
Warren. Rev. J. L. Beebe..... 5 00

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Bristol. Dea. C. M. Fowler, *for Straight U.*..... 250 00
Burlington. MRS. LUCRETIA MAY, to const. herself L. M..... 30 00
Delavan. Cong. Ch. $81.75, Gurdon Judson $30., to const. MRS. CAROLINE ALEXANDER L. M..... 111 75
Emerald Grove. Cong. Ch..... 15 00
Fond du Lac. Mrs. Dea. B..... 1 00
Janesville. Cong. Ch. (ad'l)..... 2 00
Kenosha. First Cong. Ch..... 5 00
Royalton. Cong. Ch..... 25 00
Waupun. Cong. Ch. (ad'l)..... 3 00

IOWA, $102.

Amity. Cong. Ch..... 7 00
Charles City. Cong. Ch., to const. REV. H. L. WOODWORTH and F. BURNHAM L. M's..... 61 25
Crawfordsville. Cong Ch. (ad'l)..... 2 00
Strawberry Point. "Friends of the Freedmen."..... 4 00
Tabor. Cong. Ch..... 5 40
Wayne. Cong Ch. (ad'l)..... 3 10
Wittemberg. Cong. Sab. Sch..... 19 35

MINNESOTA, $31.25.

Coon Creek. Sab. Sch..... 1 25
Rochester. Charles Dunning..... 30 00

OREGON.

Portland. First Cong. Ch..... 7 00

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Toronto. Rev. Dr. Willis..... 5 00

——. "A Friend"..... 1 00

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